

KENTUCKY DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STAFF NOTE

Action/Consent Item:

District facility plan amendments: Bracken, Franklin, Grant, Pike and Spencer County School Districts

Applicable Statute or Regulation:

702 KAR 4:180

Action Question:

Should the Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) approve the proposed amendment to the current District Facility Plans for the above listed Kentucky school districts?

History/Background:

Existing Policy. KRS 157.420 - requires that the capital outlay and Facilities Support Program of Kentucky (Building Fund) allotment from the public school funds be used by school districts for capital construction projects defined by the district's long range facility plan (702 KAR 1:001).

KRS 157.620 - requires each school district to establish unmet facility needs (equal to the sum of all capital construction priorities from the district facility plan less local available revenue) to participate in the School Facilities Construction Commission (SFCC) Offer of Assistance.

The Kentucky Board of Education (KBE) shall approve all District Facility Plans submitted by the local school districts upon recommendation of the Commissioner of Education. The amendment hearing reports are attached.

We have also reviewed the non-resident agreements and the number of "out of district" students in each school district affected. (This information is enclosed herein.)

Staff Recommendation & Rationale:

Staff recommends the KBE approve the proposed amendments to the District Facility Plans for Bracken, Franklin, Grant, Pike and Spencer County School Districts. The plans were developed in accordance with 702 KAR 4:180. The Division of Facilities Management staff certify that all requested actions are justified, meet the intent to provide upgraded facilities, and are in accordance with all applicable statutes and regulations.

Impact on Getting to Proficiency:

In Standard 4 of the Standards and Indicators for School Improvement it is noted that the school's physical environment has an impact on student achievement. Research also indicates that better facilities enhance equity (equal opportunities for all students), attitudes and retention of staff, and parental involvement.

Groups Consulted and Brief Summary of Responses:

Public forums and a local public hearing were held in the school districts.

Bracken County

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 14-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment. The district has scheduled their public hearing for May 14, 2009. We expect to receive the Hearing Report on May 15, 2009 at which time it will be forwarded to the State Board. We do not anticipate any public concern regarding the amendment.

Franklin County

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 11-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

Grant County

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 12-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

Pike County

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 18-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment. The district has scheduled their public hearing for May 13, 2009. We expect to receive the Hearing Report on May 14, 2009 at which time it will be forwarded to the State Board. We do not anticipate any public concern regarding the amendment.

Spencer County

The Local Planning Committee (LPC) voted 13-0 to approve the proposed amended plan. The Board voted 5-0 to approve the amendment.

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